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take it as a withdrawal, if that's okay with you.

SENATOR JANSSEN: That's fine.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: It's withdrawn. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Janssen would move to amend with AM2826. (Legislative Journal page 668.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Janssen, you're recognized to open on that amendment.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm sorry for the confusion, but we just threw...got this amendment drafted just a minute ago. There was some confusion yesterday about the possibility of a closed class when we were talking about the racetracks, the slot machines at the racetracks, so what this amendment does, it accomplishes the...actually, the same thing. We'll still be using the five locations and that it provides for the licensing and regulation of the operation of slot machines within no more than five licensed racetrack enclosures as determined by the Legislature. So that would...it would still be in the same five we're at right now because those are the ones that are operating. And at any other future time, the Legislature could possibly say, all right, we're moving one from Columbus to, say, Norfolk, but there would still only be five enclosures with the determination of where they should be by the Legislature. If there are any questions, I would certainly try to answer them, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you. (Visitors introduced.) Debate on the Janssen amendment, Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. Speaker and members, I'm going to not comment on this particular amendment. Senator Chambers, I'd like to have you listen to what I'm going to say. It is true, it's not a rumor, yesterday we voted five to four to take back \$8 million and \$2.5 million. It does not interfere with the \$50 million that's in the LB 692, except I guess you could say the \$2.5 million. I won't go into the long debate on the appropriations process except to say that the seriousness of the